

Higgins’ “Congress on your Corner” covers nearly every town in Erie County.

Brian Higgins is keeping in touch with constituents through his innovative “Congress on your Corner” program that brings congressional staff and federal resources to local communities. Here are just some of the locations where Higgins has held “Congress on Your Corner” during the past few months.

- Aurora Senior Center
- Cheektowaga Community Center
- Concord Town Hall
- Eden Town Hall
- Evans Town Hall
- Hispanics United of Buffalo
- Lilly Housing in Blasdell
- Marilla Town Hall
- North Buffalo Community Center
- Orchard Park Library
- West Seneca Senior Citizens Center

Watch for “Congress on Your Corner,” coming soon to Lackawanna, Farnham and Springville in late October and November.

From Congressman
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Erie and Chautauqua Counties’
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Congressman Higgins talks with Town of Boston residents about job creation.

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Buffalo's Waterfront



A Report on Job Creation Plans for Western New York

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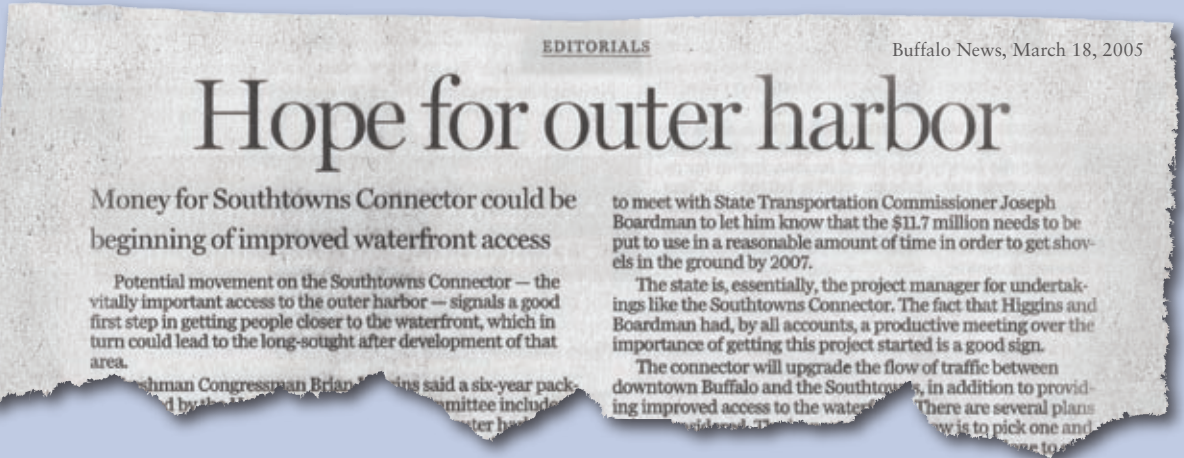
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Higgins’ victory on Waterfront commission means action and jobs for Western New York.

Buffalo and Western New York took a big step forward toward breaking the stalemate that has locked up job-creating development at the Waterfront. The new Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, an independent panel of local leaders championed by Congressman Brian Higgins to jumpstart activity on Buffalo’s moribund outer harbor, will help take plans off the drawing board and make them a reality.

Higgins is also leading the fight in Washington to fund the Southtowns Connector project, which will finally give waterfront access to thousands of Western New Yorkers and spur development. “Without giving people access to the water, all the fancy plans don’t mean anything,” said Higgins.



Congressman Brian Higgins releases the potential job creation that will result from federally-funded projects in Buffalo and Erie County. (Note: Every \$1 million in federal spending creates 47 on-site construction or materials industry jobs.)

Federal Funding for WNY Projects	Funding	Jobs Created
FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION BILL PROJECTS	\$61 million	2,867 jobs
EXISTING BUFFALO WATERFRONT PROJECTS	\$183 million	8,601 jobs
PEACE BRIDGE EXPANSION	\$340 million	15,980 jobs
BASS PRO PROJECT	\$123 million	5,781 jobs
Total	\$707 million	33,229 jobs

“As I have said time and time again, Buffalo’s Waterfront is a disgrace and an embarrassment. As each day passes, public frustration with the lack of activity on Buffalo’s Inner and Outer Harbor areas is manifest.

For a long time, Western New Yorkers have been promised action on Buffalo’s waterfront; we all know that many of those promises have been unmet. Buffalo and Western New York need a concerted and singularly focused entity that will set aside geographical fiefdoms to tackle our development fatigue, and to ensure results that yield real results on real projects, with real jobs created for real people throughout our community.”

– Congressman Brian Higgins, in a letter to Governor Pataki that helped spur the creation of the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation that will remove impediments and spearhead the redevelopment of Buffalo’s Waterfront.

The Buffalo Skyway: Higgins is Fighting for A Better Way.

Congressman Higgins is fighting to replace the Skyway with safer and more efficient infrastructure to open up Buffalo’s Outer Harbor waterfront for development and the creation of new jobs.

“The Skyway is both a physical and psychological barrier to Outer Harbor access and should be removed,” said Higgins, who wants the state to begin the process of studying alternatives to the Skyway as quickly as possible.

Municipal governments throughout Western New York, including Erie County, the cities of Buffalo and Lackawanna and the town of Hamburg, have endorsed Congressman Higgins’ proposal to remove the Skyway. Most cite the enormous cost of maintenance of the bridge itself, and still others cite the road’s unsafe condition, frequent closures and other problems. The Skyway takes up more ground space than either a tunnel or a series of lift bridges would and occupies what should be some of the most prime land in the City of Buffalo, hindering waterfront development.

If you want to learn more about Congressman Higgins’ proposal to remove the Skyway, contact his Buffalo office at (716) 852-3501.

Higgins leads the fight on getting Buffalo’s fair share of Hydropower money.

Higgins is leading the fight to earmark up to \$1 billion in revenue over the next 50 years from a new Niagara Hydropower agreement to spur job creation along Buffalo’s Waterfront.

“Years ago, industries flocked to Buffalo’s waterfront because they were promised cheap hydropower if they located within 30 miles of the Niagara Power Project,” said Higgins. “That’s why I’m fighting to force the New York Power Authority to follow the law and compensate Buffalo and Erie County for the damage that has resulted to our waterfront lands, and to give residents of Western New York a new beginning on our waterfront.”



Congressman Higgins stands at the Outer Harbor demanding progress and new jobs for the people of Western New York.